

REMARKS

In response to the Office Action mailed January 5th, 2007, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration. Claims 3-19 and 22-42 are pending in the application with claims 3, 12, 15, 22, 31, and 39 in independent form. Claims 7, 12, 15, 19 and 25 have been amended herein. The amendments to the claims are clarifying amendments not related to any rejections in the Office Action. As discussed below, the application is believed to be in allowable condition.

The undersigned Applicant's Attorney would like to thank Examiner Rutland-Wallis for participating in a phone call on May 3, 2007. The purpose of the phone call was to clarify a reference number in the Office Action. In particular, the Examiner indicated that on page 4 of the Office Action, at line 6, "item 18" should be "item 17."

Applicants note that Claims 12-19 and 31-41 have been allowed, and claims 4-11 and 23-30 have been objected to as being dependent on a rejected based claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 3 and 22 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 7,061,141 to Yamamoto. For the reasons discussed below, claims 3 and 22 are patentably distinguishable over Yamamoto, and the rejections of claims 3 and 22 should be withdrawn.

Claim 3 is directed to a system for providing power to a load. The system includes a first input to receive AC power from a first AC power source, a second input to receive AC power from a second AC power source, a third input to receive DC power from a first DC power source, an output that provides output AC power to the load, and converter circuitry, coupled to the first, second and third inputs and the output, and controllable to select from the first AC power source, the second AC power source and the first DC power source to provide input power and derive the output AC power from the input power. The system further includes a first bypass device coupled to the first input and the output and controllable to operate in a bypass mode to couple the first input to the output to provide AC power from the first AC power source directly to the output, bypassing the converter circuitry, and a second bypass device coupled to the second input and the output and controllable to operate in a bypass mode to couple the

second input to the output to provide AC power from the second AC power source directly to the output, bypassing the converter circuitry.

The Office Action states that the converter circuitry corresponds to item 15, the second input of claim 3 corresponds to either Input power feeding 1 or 2 of Fig. 8 or Fig. 9 of Yamamoto, and that the second bypass device of claim 3 corresponds to item 16 of Yamamoto. Applicant respectfully disagrees with the statements in the Office Action. In claim 3, the second bypass device is “controllable to operate in a bypass mode to couple the second input to the output to provide AC power from the second AC power source directly to the output, *bypassing the converter circuitry.*” In contrast with claim 3, the switch 16 of Yamamoto is not controllable to operate in a bypass mode to couple the second input to the output to provide AC power from the second AC power source directly to the output, *bypassing the converter circuitry.* Based on the foregoing, the rejection of claim 3 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) should be withdrawn.

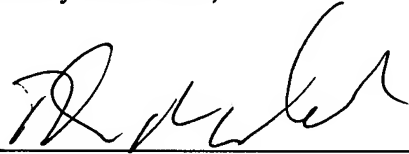
Independent claim 22 is directed to a system for providing power to a load. The system includes a first input to receive AC power from a first AC power source; a second input to receive AC power from a second AC power source; a third input to receive DC power from a first DC power source; an output that provides output AC power to the load, converter means for selecting from the first AC power source, the second AC power source and the first DC power as a source for input power and deriving the output AC power from the input power, and bypass means for selectively providing AC power from the first AC power source directly to the output, bypassing the converter means, wherein the bypass means include means for selectively providing AC power from the second AC power source directly to the output, bypassing the converter means. The Office Action states that the second input of claim 22 corresponds to the Input power feeding of Fig. 8 or Fig. 9 of Yamamoto. However, in contrast with claim 22, Yamamoto does not have means for selectively providing AC power from a second AC power source directly to the output, bypassing the converter means. Further, this limitation is not specifically addressed in the Office Action. Based on the foregoing, the rejection of claim 22 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) should be withdrawn.

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CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing, the application is believed to be in allowable condition and a notice to that effect is respectfully requested. If the Examiner has any questions regarding the application, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicant's Attorney at the number provided below.

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